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EXPEDITED PROCEDURE PURSUANT
TO 37 CFR §1.116 REQUESTED

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Applicant(s): HORI, et al.
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For: IMAGE PROCESSING APPARATUS AND METHOD
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AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

April 16, 2003

Sir:

In response to the final Office Action (Paper No. 2) dated on January 16, 2003, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS

Please cancel claims 1-14 without prejudice or disclaimer, and add claims 15-23, as follows:

Claims 1-14 (Now Canceled)

15. (Newly Added) An image processing apparatus comprising:
an imaging optical system for forming an image of an object on an imaging